

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on April 14, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Independent claim 29 and its dependent claims 30-35 were not addressed in regard to the prior art rejection of the prior Office Action. The applicant indicated in the Remarks (of April 14, 2008) that claims 29-35 were dependent upon independent claim 17. However this is not indicated by the current claim listing. Furthermore the arguments for the remaining independent claims, excluding 29, have been amended and this feature was argued in response to the prior art rejection. Since claim 29 has not been amended with this feature those arguments are not relevant for those claims, thus claims 29-35 have not been properly addressed. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 571-272-7063. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/John B. Walsh/
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